

FRAZIER'S SHORTAGE MAY BE VERY LARGE

Disappearance of Important Records, a Grave Feature of the Case, Makes Investigation Very Difficult.

Ex-Sheriff's Illegal Appropriation of Fees Belonging to the County May Have Amounted to Many Thousands of Dollars.

The misappropriation of fees by ex-Sheriff William Frazier is likely to prove far more serious than appears from a hasty reading of the expert's report. The known shortage is \$3,734, but the total amount illegally retained by Frazier during his six years in office far exceeded this sum.

Steele, Frazier admits that he said nothing to any of them about retaining fees or mileage, Smith and Holbrook, the only two members of the board who could be found this morning, say they did not know that the sheriff was not paying over such moneys to the county.

Frazier admits also that he never asked the county board to pay the expenses of his office during the period when the law made no provision for them, and never presented any bill for such expenses. He simply retained the mileage and fees.

Although Frazier was not in the habit of collecting fees from attorneys for sheriff's deeds, he says he did collect them from other persons, and they were not paid over to the county.

When I left the sheriff's office," he said, "I had all the books gathered up, but at that time some were missing. I suppose they had been thrown away as of no value. Certainly I had no object in destroying them. From the books in his hands the expert can make an estimate of the sums that would be shown by the missing books, for the receipts of the office average about the same, month by month."

GREAT STRATEGIC POINT IN KOREA.



The latest picture of the southern coast of Korea, which is a place of great strategic value and in case of war between Japan and Russia will be at once seized by the former power. It is the southern terminus of the Seoul and Fusan railway, owned by Japan.

THRESHOLD WAR TALK

No Telling What Final Results of Japan-Russo Controversy May Be.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—The Russian squadron at Vladivostok has been fully equipped for immediate service and prepared for sea. All woodwork has been stripped and war paint put on.

London, Feb. 3.—Japan has placed large orders for nitrates here. The French press is reported to be very unfavorable to Japan.

Although navy dispatches have been sent out purporting to give an idea of the situation generally, it is believed no news regarding the reply has been reliable. All manner of garbled reports are circulated.

Friends of Japan go so far as to say that there is no doubt that this movement of troops is the reason for reported delays. Japan realizing this, has tried to force the issue, with not much success.

TRANSFERS IN READINESS. San Francisco, Feb. 3.—The Marselles correspondent of the Lepatrie asserts that, acting under government orders, Oriental shipping companies are holding several vessels ready for possible troop transportation work in case of war between Russia and Japan.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—A letter from leading men in Tokyo to friends here states that everything is in readiness in Japan for war, and that the outbreak is inevitable. Russia's concessions are not likely to suffice, and this is the last phase of negotiations before a resort to arms.

Up to 10 o'clock this morning the police have been unable to locate the highwayman but it is thought he may be a man who came here a short time ago from Colorado with a girl who is now here in a sporting house. This crew will be investigated.

INSURANCE CUT 10 TO 15 PER CENT

Fire Underwriters Pledge General Reduction When Fireboat and Full-Paid Fire Service Are Installed—Council Likely to Accept It.

Reductions of from 10 to 15 per cent in insurance rates are promised by the board of fire underwriters of the Pacific for Portland in case a full-paid fire department is established. These reductions average from 15 per cent on the west side of the Willamette river, within a certain distance of the river front, to an average of 10 per cent in the district west of the center line of Third street and a general reduction of 10 per cent on the east side of the river, applying to all business property and dwellings within 300 feet of a fire hydrant.

It is generally believed that the proposed reductions will be entirely satisfactory to the members of the city council, and the passage of the bill to install a full-paid fire department will not be delayed. That action, as announced some time since, only waited on a definite proposal from the insurance people as to whether they would make any material reductions, and also stating exactly what that would amount to.

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Senator Hanna is dangerously ill. (Journal Special Service.) Washington, Feb. 3.—This afternoon a rumor was circulated to the effect that Senator Hanna had died. It was quickly corrected by a small party in the corridors of the capitol and principal hotels. It was quieted later by the announcement at the Arlington hotel that the sick man's condition since morning has been unchanged.

Robichon, the Disgraced Officer, Openly Accuses Captain Evans. (San Francisco Bulletin of The Journal.) San Francisco, Feb. 3.—A telephone message which his mother-in-law is supposed to have overheard, is said by Lieutenant Robichon, of army scandal fame, to be the cause of his downfall.

Midnight Visit. Benicia, Cal., Feb. 3.—Mrs. Madden occupied a house at the barracks here close to Captain Evans' home. The back yard of her house adjoined that of Evans' with only a low fence between them. On the occasion of the midnight visit by Captain Evans, related by Miss Wade, Mrs. Madden was sleeping in the back room on the second floor, the window opening on to the veranda.

SHOOTS AT PARTNER

Jacob Dreyfus Shoots at T. L. Carroll, Candy Maker.

NOBODY IS INJURED. Pistol User Arrested—Carroll Says He Had Been Threatened—Difficulty Over Business Results in Ill Feeling and a Row.

A dispute among partners led to an exciting shooting episode in Carroll's confectionary store, 353 Morrison street, about 8:30 o'clock this morning. Two shots were fired at Thomas L. Carroll, neither of which took effect.

Immediately after the assault Carroll swore out a complaint against Jacob Dreyfus, who he says used a pistol, charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon. The warrant was placed in the hands of the police. Dreyfus gave himself up at noon. An examination of the store revealed no bullet marks and as Dreyfus was but six feet away when he fired and no bullet struck Carroll the police believe that he used blank cartridges.

T. L. Carroll this morning went after the mail of the company and looked it over. Jacob Dreyfus came into the store and chided Miss Marie O'Connor for letting Carroll have the letters.

Carroll replied: "You have no official connection around here and should not talk so much." Dreyfus said: "We will see about it this afternoon when the matter will be settled by the stockholders."

During the trouble there was an abundance of excitement in the store. Marie O'Connor, the young woman who waits on customers, was in the store, and although badly frightened she managed to keep her presence of mind. In the manufacturing department in the basement were Helen Lynch, Mabel Anderson, Edna Hook and Ed Werskul. Attracted by the noise of the shooting they rushed to the ground floor where

BAR ROOM AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL. (Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Feb. 3.—An elaborate bar will be built in the new office building near the capitol here and will be connected with the senate and house by a subterranean passage. This subterranean passage promises to be the most popular thoroughfare near the capitol. Congressmen are highly elated over the prospect and freely congratulate one another over the fact that white ribboners have been put to flight. Complaints had been made of committee room drinking.

COWBOYS MAKE RAID ON MORMON CHURCH. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salt Lake, Feb. 3.—The large Mormon tabernacle at Burlington, Wyo., was raided by a gang of cowboys and shot up today. The church is one of the prettiest in town and is located in the business center. About dusk 10 cowboys galloped up to its entrance and spurred their way into the church. Then with wild yells they rode up and down the aisles and even up into the pulpit, firing their six-shooters through windows and into the ceiling. For an hour the cowboys rode around the inside of the house of worship, shooting until their ammunition was exhausted. Before they left the church they grouped their horses in the aisles and each man took a drink from a bottle. The leader smashed the bottle against the pulpit, and then the gang galloped out of the church. The sheriff is in pursuit.

MAY BE KILLED FOR DOING GOOD



An excellent likeness of the Rev. John J. Gross, rector of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal church, who has been threatened with death unless he gives up his mission work among the Italians in Fort Chester, N. Y.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN SNOWBOUND FOR WEEK

(Journal Special Service.) Detroit, Feb. 2.—Despite frantic efforts of railroads to open traffic in the Thumb district of Michigan which has been snow-bound for a week, communication is still cut off except by telephone wire. Snow blows today were installed and when 50 miles out of Port Huron were soon helplessly snowed in. The storm raging is intense and a dozen villages are short of rations. Many are without kerosene.

A LONE HIGHWAYMAN WORKS IN BAKER CITY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Baker City, Or., Feb. 3.—"Hold up your hands!" were the words which greeted Edward Burke and M. M. Whan as they stepped into the Geiser Grand barroom at 1:30 o'clock this morning on their way from lodge meeting. Whan proceeded into the room and like the others there his hands went up. Burke, though commanded to "come from behind that screen," darted out the door and ran down the street in search of help but could not find a man within a block, although he gave the alarm by crying out. In the meantime Bartender Clearkin and night clerk Edwards and the elevator boy, Little, were standing against the wall with their hands up while the lone highwayman, a short, heavy set man in

YOUNG MOTHER OF A GREAT HEIRESS



A recent photograph of Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt, the mother of the new Vanderbilt heiress, whose advent has caused a great rejoicing in the Vanderbilt family and among their friends. Mrs. Vanderbilt was formerly Miss Catherine Nelson, a favorite in the Newport set. Her marriage on April 14 last to Reginald Vanderbilt was regarded by society as a love match.